which the thieves took in jewels and ready money to the value of £400

Sir Robert Cecil is reported to be very busy coming and going very often between London and the Queen, so that he appeareth with his hands full of papers and his head full of matter, and so occupied passeth through the presence chamber like a blind man, not looking upon any

PLAYING PROHIBITED

Owing to the great multitudes of people who daily resort to the common plays, lately again set up in and about London, the Council fear that the sickness may gain very dangerous increase The Lord Mayor is required to take straight order that no plays or interludes be exercised by any company within the compass of five miles of the City

\ih *February* A PLOT TO KILL THE QUEEN

A certain Polwhele that came over from Calais to give information to the Lord Treasurer hath declared that one Captain Jacques, a soldier from Sir William Stanley's company, hath a design to kill the Queen This Jacques, saith he, several tunes urged him to come to England to murder the Queen, and on has refusing Jacques said that the end of a soldierwas but beggary, to be killed with a bullet and thrown into a ditch, and to take such a matter in hand would be glorious before God, the Queen being a wicked creature, and likely to overthrow all Christendom.

Jacques directed him how to get to England safely, and what speeches to use to the Lord Treasurer if intercepted, saying that if he himself could go to England, the killing of the Queen would be the first thing he would do Polwhele also draweth in two men, John Anmas and Patrick Collen, an Irish soldier, with having come to England to kill the Queen Both are already

taken and lodged separately in prison

$tb February LOPEZ SENT TO THE TOWER

Dr Lopez for all those that favour him at noon is committed to the Tower, the Earl of Essex having so busied himself with the examinations for several days past that he scarce had leisure even to eat